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Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.

For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

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Vision Statement

The vision of The American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.

"We're All In"

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President's Message

MICHELE DEGENNARO



This past months' travels took me down south to the 9th District, there I was able to visit with two PDP's, laugh with some old friends, and meet some awesome Auxiliary Ladies. There were many events to highlight in the 9th district. We visited 9 Units, attended an Area Ball, and participated in a Four Chaplains Ceremony.

Starting with Unit 180, a shout out to President Pepper and ALL the gang for making ALL 3 stops at their Post Home a blast (The secret about this Post is, "don't hit collect"). The next day I was greeted by 3 escorts as we traveled to the Units. Thank you, Trish, Shawn, and Beverly. Special thanks to President Barbara and Unit 92 for the offer of the Bingo machine. After a few more stops it was time to turn in. The next morning started at Unit 142, Pompano Beach - home of Gail Dupuis and Community Service Chairman Denice Grinis. There we had a lovely breakfast and I was presented a generous check for Final Salute Inc. With members from several other units joining us, we made our way over to visit with PDP's Maureen Costello and Pearl McIntyre for some bar bingo. By the time we left, everyone was "All IN" and a great time was had by ALL!

The last day we attended the Four Chaplains service at the Coast Guard Station in Dania Beach. It was an honor to attend and participate in such a fantastic service, a definite must see! Staying with our very own Department Historian Gail "Scrappy" Dupree, we had some fun times as we made our way from Post to Post. Big THANKS to Scrappy and her little Susie Q, for their hospitality and to All our VIP Members in the South.

Thinking I might have a weekend home was clearly not on the agenda, when an invitation came to have Dinner with the National Commander Brett Reistad. Thank you to Lady Lake, Post 347, and Commander Al for the invite, it was a wonderful evening and always a great time. The next weekend we were off to visit our friends at Post 117 Palm Bay, for Commander Dianne's Homecoming. Thank you Commander Dianne for All you do!

With the rain upon us we slid into the 6th District or was it a slip and slide. I'm still not sure, but one thing is for certain, "we were dropping like flies"! Before the trip had begun, the 6th District President Mary Lanoce, and Membership Chairman Dee Bell, both took a fall. But that did not slow us down as one car went to the emergency room, the other was off to a visit with the Ladies of Unit 63, Winter Garden. Luckily the schedule was not too busy, and we were ALL able to meet up for some Bingo later in the day back at Unit 347, Lady Lake. After the excitement of the day, everyone was ready for some much-needed rest.

Up bright and early and ready for whatever the day was going to bring, ... we hoped. Ronald McDonald House was first on the agenda. After a tour and a cart full of pop tabs delivered, it was off to the Post Home of NEC Treva "TK" Wildrick. After a lovely lunch at Unit 183, Fern Park we were headed to a meet and greet with Unit 10, Kissimmee only to have the second car of our caravan leave us for the nearest walk-in clinic. Ending our day in St. Cloud, for a delicious Valentine's Day Dinner.

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With Unit 80 President Paula, Dept. Chaplain Lois, Dept. Treasurer Brandi, Dept Historian Gail, Dept. 3rd Vice and C&Y Chairman Jane, Dept. Membership Chairman Dee, Dept. Education Chairman Charlotte, along with the 6 District Staff it was time for some Trivia Fun.

The next day proved to be just as adventurous as we started out at Camp Boggy Creek. There we were taken around by golf carts as we toured the grounds. What an Awesome Visit! (You can read more about our visit and Camp Boggy Creek in Children & Youth Chairman Jane Hardacre's article.)

With 16 Unit members in attendance for lunch, Unit 330 Mid- Florida Lakes just might hold the record for most members from a single Unit at one of my stops. Way to go All In Ladies! On to Unit 219, Fruitland Park, home of PDP, Diane Rousseau for a meet and greet and then a fun evening of "Meat Shoot"! It was a wonderful evening full of laughs. Thank you to PDC, Phil and PDP, Peggy Hearlson for joining us.

With two days left in the 6th District there was no stopping us now! First visit of the day was Unit 55, Clermont, where we had the pleasure of visiting the site of their new home. Congratulations Unit 55! Home of Dept. Chaplain Lois Stachelrodt, Orlando, Unit 19 went all out by going All In for our visit. I love my hat and I'm sure it will make an appearance at convention. Just sayin'! Our final stop of the day brought us to Unit 286, Pinecastle where I was honored to have Miss Poppy, Jasmine escort me in to the Post with an Honor Guard Welcome. WOW!!! After the Spoon Dinner (a great idea for a fundraiser) and a little Karaoke, (Jane Hardacre, I think the video went viral) it was time to call it a night.

The final stop of the visit brought us back to Unit 347, Lady Lake for a Fashion Show with ALL proceeds going to Final Salute Inc. Thank you to my dear friend Lois Glosch, for playing such a huge part in this event, and your extremely generous donation. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success. Way to go ALL IN!

Talk about All In, President Mary was definitely ALL IN as she continued with us to every stop over the 4 days. I've said it from the beginning, "It takes a Village" and a village is what we needed for this trip. HUGE Thank you to All the Department Officers, Chairmen and the Sixth District Staff that joined us. It was AWESOME traveling with you. To ALL the members of the 6th District, thank you All for your Hospitality and Donations to the President's Project you are ALL VIP's and I thank you for going ALL IN!

Everyone please keep President Mary in your prayers for a speedy recovery!

"Being humble means recognizing that we are not on earth to see how important we can become, but to see how much difference we can make in the lives of others."

Gordon B. Hinckley



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President's Photo Gallery





Americanism

JACQUELINE MOODY



The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida is "Flush with American Pride". Wow March already. It seems we are just getting started and it's time to begin wrapping things up.

Great job to our members and community on promoting American pride by displaying our flag on patriotic holidays. But are we displaying it properly? Our national website alaforveterans.org has a list of ways that we may be disrespecting the flag without even thinking about it. Here are a few items from that list that we should be aware of. The flag must be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously. It should be saluted as it is hoisted or lowered and never touch anything beneath it. It should be flown sun up to sun down unless illuminated during darkness. And it should not be displayed on days of bad weather. The flag should never be used as drapery, decoration or apparel. And should be burned in a dignified manner when rendered unusable.

Let's talk about flag disposal. This summer a past Department President witnessed a flag disposal ceremony where those participating in the ceremony were cutting down the lines of the red and white stripes of the flag to render it unusable. It brought tears to her eyes. Because of the synthetic materials some of the flags are made of these days. Some are arguing they could be considered toxic to the environment and should not be burned. After cutting them up, the remnants are sent to a recycling center. While some posts have taken to this method of disposal, the American Legion Auxiliary follows the official position of the American Legion. They have set Flag Day June 14th as the day to dispose of unusable flags preferably by burning.

I'm sure there's more to come on this.

The latest action on the Flag amendment proposal is this. HJR 61 was set forth in the House of Representatives by Rep Steve Womack on 02/08/2017 during the 115th congress. HJR 61 reads "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States giving Congress power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." This bill has been sent to the house judiciary subcommittee on the constitution and civil justice for study.

Meanwhile, the United States Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that flag burning is a freedom of speech first amendment right. The amendment to protect the flag against desecration continues to be one of the American Legion's top legislative priorities.

Finally, this a reminder to watch those deadlines for the Americanism Essay contest. Your unit sponsored winners must reach this chairman by April 1st. Also remember the Essay Cover sheets. Without them we can't forward the winning essays to National.

Keep up the great work.

Constitution & ByLaws

LINDA KNOBLACH-HARKNESS



Greeting Ladies,

Just a few housekeeping items as we are rounding the bend to our Department Convention. I know it seems like along way off, but it will be here before you know it.

The first thing is, if your Unit Constitution and Bylaws have not been updated since 2014, your Unit is out of Compliance. They need to be revised to conform to the Department of Florida's changes ASAP. Please send two (2) signed copies to me (Linda Knoblach-Harkness 5916 Starlite Lane, Milton, Florida 32570) by April 1. This will allow me time to review them and make sure your unit has time to make corrections/changes. If you use the template at <https://alafl.org/programs/constitution-bylaws/> the changes are part of that that document.

If your Unit wants to change the dues, it is too late for 2019, however, not for 2020. This change will be in your Standing Rules. I will need to receive two (2) signed copies of the amended Standing Rules along with your current "already approved" Constitution and Bylaws by March 15, 2019. Once the Standing Rules have been approved, the unit will need to submit the *Unit Dues Information Form 2020* found at <https://alafl.org/quicklinks/forms-resources/> under unit forms no later than April 15, 2019. If the unit fails to meet this deadline, a \$30 fee will be assessed to make the change. Please keep in mind that Department must convey the dues increase to National for the purpose of giving National time to make the changes to the mail-out reminders and to the website for those members paying their dues online.

The second item is, if your Unit would like to submit a Resolution to the Department of Florida, it is due six (6) weeks prior to convention which is no later than

May 16, 2019. There is a guide on how to write a resolution at www.legion.org/resolutions or <https://www.alaforveterans.org> search for Department Operations Guide. It's in Chapter 12. More information about submitting Resolutions to Department of Florida are in the Unit Guide on page 35.

And number 3 is REPORTING. Yes, Constitution and Bylaws does submit an end-of-year report. There is a guideline for your reports at <https://alafl.org/programs/constitution-bylaws/> in the Program Action Plan as well as at <https://alafl.org/quicklinks/forms-resources/> under 2018-2019 Reporting. Units need to have the reports to their District Chairman by April 1st. District Chairmen need to have them to me no later than April 15th. You can mail them to me or email them. Please ladies, let's get 100% reporting.

As always ladies, I'm here to help in any way I can. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Thank you for being All In for our Veterans, Military and their families.

Children & Youth

JANE HARDACRE

The Department of Florida has a form on its website that is called the Donation Remittance Form. This donation form lists programs, and projects, where Units can send donations. By turning the donation into Department, Units are helping The American Legion Family get credit for all of our hard work and dedication to our Veterans, Military Families, Children & Youth and our communities.



One such charity, under Youth Programs, is CAMP BOGGY CREEK. I would like to highlight a wonderful organization that is located in Eustis, Florida. I had the honor of visiting Camp Boggy Creek in February. The experience forever changed me and I would like you to know more about it. This information, to follow, is directly from their website address of www.boggycreek.org.

Camp Boggy Creek was founded in 1996 by Paul Newman and General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, with one simple premise in mind, that every child, no matter their illness, could experience the transformational spirit and friendships that go hand in hand with camp.

With unobtrusive expert medical care, it was

their dream that Camp would provide seriously ill children with a fun-filled experience defined by compassion, laughter, and acceptance.

Since 1996, Camp Boggy Creek has made it possible for children with serious illnesses to enjoy a camp experience in a safe, medically sound environment. Located just a short drive from Orlando, Florida, the 232-acre camp serves children ages 7-16 who have been diagnosed with chronic or life-threatening conditions.

Camp Boggy Creek never charges campers to attend and never asks them to contribute anything other than a positive, playful attitude.

As a year-round retreat, Camp Boggy Creek is able to serve thousands of campers and their families through activity-packed weekly and weekend camp programs. The camp offers children the chance to catch their first fish, go horseback riding or climb our ropes tower, all while making new friends.

Beyond boundless fun, Camp Boggy Creek provides fellowship. Children can spend time with others who are just like them and share their life-experiences, which serves as a reminder that they are not alone.



Visiting this camp took us back in time to when we went to camp as children! The grounds



have 44 buildings, including 16 camper cabins, medical center, dining hall, swim center, stable and nature barn, sports & recreation center, arts & crafts center and theater. All the buildings are wooden structures designed like a summer camp.

You can actually picture these children fishing on the dock catching their first fish, smiling bigger than ever as they ride a horse, high-fiving each other because they hit the target with their arrows! Can you image how thrilling it must be, for them, to steer a canoe or reach the top of the rock-climbing wall?

Any child, medically treated in Florida, can apply. Over 3,000 children attend the camp each year. Specifically designed, the camping sessions group children with similar illnesses together. Instead of always being different, these “campers” have something in common. Camp Boggy Creek welcomes children diagnosed in the following illness groups:

- Arthritis / Rheumatic
- Asthma (severe)
- Cancer
- Craniofacial
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Gastrointestinal
- Hemophilia / Bleeding Disorders
- Immune Deficiency
- Kidney
- Sickle Cell
- Spina Bifida
- Transplants
- Disorders Requiring Ventilator Assistance



How can we HELP?? Units, and individuals, can make monetary donations, towels, bedding, or arts and craft supplies. Each child receives a blanket and a Boggy Bear when they get to camp. These two items can go home with them to remember their time at camp. Units can sew blankets for the children or make Boggy Bears. Sharon Couture, Foundation & Corporate Relations Officer, was our tour guide. She told us that people make the Boggy Bears, sewing them up, but leave one opening. The volunteers will then throw “stuffing parties” and stuff all the bears! What a great project for your Senior AND Junior members! The pattern for the Boggy Bear is on the Department website under Children & Youth.

You can also volunteer at the camp. It does not matter if it is a few hours or a few days! All the Doctors and Nurses, are volunteers. The campers address Dr. Rick Thomas as “Dr. Rick”, and Nurse Sherry Smith as “Nurse Sherry”!

Please visit their website to learn more about this wonderful organization and the opportunities for us to assist them in enriching the lives of children.



Children & Youth - Juniors

JANE HARDACRE



I want to thank ALL Units who are BETTING ON OUR FUTURE by investing in our Juniors! In last month's article, I highlighted Unit #117 Palm Bay. I know there are more Units doing the same great things! I look forward to hearing about them in the Year-End Report narratives! Do not forget to send me pictures! Other Units are trying to start up the Juniors program in their Family. Kudos to you ALL!

Entice prospective Junior members to join by giving them a reason to join. Keep practicing ALL IN behavior that focuses on our Mission and not on ourselves. These children will adopt this organization and take it well into our next 100 years.

Invite them to assist you in your programs and projects. Compliment them on a job well done. We all want to hear that from each other. We all have heard the phrase, "Children are like a sponge." Let them see how you work together as a team.

Continue mentoring our Juniors and reward their accomplishments with the Patch Program. In this month's Children & Youth article, you will find a wonderful project for you and your Juniors. The Boggy Bear "stuffing party" will not only teach them about sewing, it is a wonderful bonding opportunity! See more about the Patch Program on the National website, www.alaforveterans.org.

The Junior program in your Unit will continue to grow and strengthen as long as we rededicate ourselves to its survival. Positive momentum is a wonderful thing. That energy will be our legacy.

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Secretary

PATTY MACDONALD



Greeting from Department Headquarters! I would like to review a few items that are happening around the State of Florida and within Department Headquarters.

Girls State

Girls State registration for the delegates and alternates is now open. At this time we have filled all the spots. Please make sure the delegates and alternate know that they must upload all the documents before I will approve them registration.

Orientation dates have been place on our website at www.alafl.org under programs/girls state.

2020 Unit Dues Information Sheet

This is a reminder that all unit dues information sheets will need to be returned to Department Headquarters by April 15, 2019. The amount of the Units dues must match the Units Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules.

If the Units needs to increase their dues amount please send two original signed Unit Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules to the Department Constitution & Bylaws Chairman, Linda Knoblach-Harkness. Please do not send them to Department.

Membership

At this time we are doing a 24-36 hours turn around time from when we receive membership. I want to give Kenny, our new Membership Administration, a "Job Well Done" for the turn around time. He is working hard to keep this up. A few reminders on membership:

- When submitting recap sheets you must

have one check per recap sheet. Please do not combine your checks.

- If you are submitting renew, new, transfers, and/or rejoins each of them need to be on their own recap sheet. Please do not but transfers with renew on the same sheet.
- Please remember we have an increase in dues and for seniors to \$19.50 plus \$2.00 special assessment for a total of \$21.50. For juniors it is \$4.25.
- If you are submitting a payment for MCR please send a separate check and not include with a recap check.
- All Unit checks require two signatures.
- When submitting numerous years for a member, each year will require a separate recap sheet.

Poppies

Poppy day is coming up again. Please note that if you are ordering poppies we will need the request form a least 90 days prior to disbursement. If the Unit is wanting to disburse poppies on a day other than the allotted days, please send a request to the Department President for special permission.

I want to thank everyone for the support they provide Department Headquarters Staff.

Chaplain

LOIS STACHELRODT



As Spring begins, may we open our hearts and minds to help those who are still struggling to pick up the pieces of their lives. May our Blessings be abundant and may the Lord provide happiness throughout the world for those who may be less fortunate than we are. To all the Family and Friends who are in heaven and watching over us, may you know that you are forever engraved in our hearts. Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalms 46:1

Recently Departed Members

DISTRICT 1

Irene BenBow, Unit 193
Louisa Murphy, Unit 193

DISTRICT 2

Marye Clifford, Unit 241
Betty Miles, Unit 241

DISTRICT 4

Margie Meyer, Unit 155
Marcia Gallagher, Unit 237
Mae C. Olynky, Unit 237

DISTRICT 5

Bernadette Ferrizzi, Unit 283

DISTRICT 6

Joan Spears, Unit 80
Sally, Conlon-Bartlett, Unit 286
Shirley Wyngarden, Unit 286
Thelma A. White, Unit 330

DISTRICT 7

Elsie Sweat, Unit 4

DISTRICT 8

Kathy Doucette, Unit 24
C.J. Hollinsworth, Unit 24
Patricia Knapp, Unit 24
Jeanne Hensel, Unit 69
Lynn Laatsch, Unit 69

DISTRICT 11

Fran Evans, Unit 62

DISTRICT 12

Louise Minkwitz, Unit 163
Kim Curry (Presley), Unit 191
Loretta, Demetrius, Unit 191
Nannie K. Hughes, Unit 191

DISTRICT 13

Janet Schall, Unit 130
Donna Loibl, Unit 136
Dawn C. Engel, Unit 274
Audrey Mulcare, Unit 323
Marjorie Wallace, Unit 323

DISTRICT 14

Susan Skeen, Unit 133
Veva Jakimiec, Unit 154

DISTRICT 15

Floy-Della McNeely, Unit 148



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National Security

RHONDA MAURER-BRAILEY



With the recent Government shutdown our members, quickly took action in support of our United States Coast Guard service members and their families. Many units held food drives, sent in gift cards, money and checks, Districts 15 & 16 worked very hard together to support the Coast Guard Air Station in Clearwater and also the St Petersburg Sector.



Patty Delgado from Unit 5, with employee from the Pet Supermarket in Tampa that donated \$1500-\$2000 of food for the family fur babies, and Rhonda -Maurer-Brailey

Two Coast Guard Spouses, Kim Providenti from Unit 275, Mary McColgan Unit 248, and Rhonda Maurer-Brailey, Dept National Security Chairman. We were the pick-up and delivery girls for our units in the



Poster boards on display at Unit 138 for their food drive.

Tampa Bay area.
Make shift food pantry at the Air Station in Clearwater

Membership

DEE BELL

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'RE A NEW MEMBER

WHO WE ARE! WHAT WE DO! WHY WE MATTER!

Thank you for joining the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) the world's largest women's patriotic service organization!

I encourage you to take our online introductory course "ALA 101" in the ALA Academy on the American Legion Auxiliary National website. There are currently 5 courses available with more to come. These online courses provide you with vital information to help you better serve our mission and your new unit. Log in today at www.ALAforVeterans.org/ALA-Academy

Our relationship to The American Legion

In 1919, the ALA was formed to support The American Legion, the largest organization of U.S. wartime veterans. Our shared commitment is to support and assist veterans, active-duty military and their families, children and our communities. Our four great principles are justice, freedom, democracy and loyalty.

ALA UNITS

The grassroots work of the American Legion Auxiliary takes place at the Unit level. There are more than 8,000 units in 52 departments (50 U.S. states), the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. ALA Units are attached to an American Legion post, taking its' name, location and number (i.e. John F. Brown Memorial Post 350.) If the post is no longer active, a unit may continue to function as a widow unit.

ALA Membership dues

The Auxiliary membership year is January 1 – December 31. Your ALA membership dues listed on your renewal notice is comprised of three portions, national, department and unit. Renewals notices are sent in September by email (if an address is on file) or U.S.P.S.

and in January by U.S.P.S. You may pay you dues directly to the Unit, by calling the ALA National Headquarters at (317)-569-4500, or online at our National website www.ALAforveterans.org Your dues are paid prior to the start of the upcoming year beginning in July.

Unit Officers

Each unit has an Executive Committee consisting of their officers. Your Unit can tell you more about these offices, their responsibilities and the members that hold them.

ALA Florida Programs

Our programs are focused on our four pillars – Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children & Youth.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Americanism	Community Service
Legislative	Public Relations	Junior Activities
Education	Auxiliary	Membership
Leadership	Emergency Fund	National Security
Past Presidents	Poppy	
Parley	Florida Girls State	
Children & Youth	Constitution & Bylaws	

What is the American Legion "Family?"

The American Legion Family is comprised of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders. At the local level, The American Legion is called a post, the American Legion Auxiliary is a Unit, Sons of the American Legion are a Squadron and the American Legion Riders are a Chapter. Working together as a family we can accomplish so much more.

Team work makes Dream work!!



What are the benefits of your ALA membership?

While fulfilling our motto of “Service not Self”, the personal rewards of volunteering for our veterans, active-duty military, children and your local communities will be many and heartfelt. You will receive the Auxiliary’s national magazine on a quarterly basis. Your membership gives you access to a wide array of discounts, products and services. Log in to our National website www.ALAforVeterans.org (go to Member Only > Member Benefits) for a complete list of the valuable benefits available to you.

I was celebrating my birthday on February 1st as “1” District and “57” Units across Florida struck “**Black Gold**” reaching the **85%** goal. **Congratulations !!!** Florida has been **ALL IN** ahead of last year and in **1st place nationally** every reporting week. Thank you to all the renewals and new members!!! You are **VIP’S** (Very Important Players) in your Units and in Florida! The next membership goal date is **April 15th**, “**Cash Me If You Can**” **100%**. I know you can do!

District 1

#235 Ft. Walton Beach
#296 Destin
#356 Lynn Haven
#375 Southport
#382 Navarre
#392 Panama City
#402 Panama City

District 2

#82 Lanark
#100 Mariana
#241 Sneads

District 3

#131 Greenville
#291 Steinhatchee

District 4

#166 Homosassa Springs

District 5

#9 Jacksonville
#202 Keystone Heights
#244 Jacksonville
#250 Middleburg
#372 Mandarin
#373 Orange Park
#401 Hilliard

District 6

#19 Orlando
#63 Winter Garden
#331 Orlando
#347 Lady Lake

District 7

#201 Florence Villa

District 8

#159 Venice
#254 North Port
#309 Palmetto
#325 Ellenton

District 9

#209 Dania Beach
#220 Ft. Lauderdale
#287 Deerfield Beach
#310 Hallandale
#321 Cooper City

District 11

#62 Stuart

District 12

#1 Titusville
#171 Fort Pierce
#318 Port St. Lucie
#358 White City
#366 Barefoot Bay
#394 Palm Bay

District 13

#38 Fort Myers
#135 Naples

District 14

Mainland
#31 South Miami
#133 Miami
#346 Miami
Keys
#168 Key West

District 15

#147 Odessa
#167 Tampa

District 16

#104 Pinellas Park
#275 Dunedin
#305 St. Pete Beach

District 17

#6 Deland
#17 New Smyrna Beach
#204 Daytona Beach
#267 Ormaond Beach
#361 South Daytona

Donate Life

SHIRLEY FRASER

This story is being written by Shirley Fraser and I am going to write it like I talk, so if you are going to analyze it to make sure the commas and the semicolons are in the right place, don't bother, chances are they will not be. I hope however you will remember the story.

Here we go! In 1981 a lady named Edie Jones a beautician met a man named Cidric he was a Parametric and they married. Edie had a son named Ron, and Sid as he was called had a son named Bryan, he also had three stepchildren. Both of their boys were thirteen, they blended the family together and things were really good.

The family was a giving family. They belonged to the American Legion family, and they were also involved with organ donation. The boys were members of the Sons and donated time often. Ron was asked to help with the Father's day breakfast, he was up before dawn and was walking to the Post no moon so it was quite dark. He was hit by a speeding car and knocked into a ditch. The driver did not stop. Remember me saying they were involved in the organ donation, which was impossible for Ron he was in the ditch too long they did not find him until after daylight.



Time moved on Bryan married, and had five children and started a roofing business with his brother. They had been working on a roof had it covered with plastic when a freak storm came the home owner called and told him

the roof was leaking. Bryan was the closest so he told his brother he would go, it had stopped raining but the roof was wet Bryan slipped and fell off the roof he hit something on the way and he landed on his head. He was rushed to the hospital but did not survive, however Bryan led a clean life he did not smoke, drink, or do drugs. They were able to donate all of his organs, as he had wanted.



Bryan was only 35 years old and his youngest child a son was only 5 months old. This year at the Donate Life Rose Bowl Parade Float called Rhythm of The Heart is honoring Bryan. His picture made of seeds and flowers designed by his widow and family. His picture was front and center.



For those of you who my not know who Edie Harrington is she is a Past Department President Department of Florida. Why did I was to tell this story, we hear all the time the bad and mean things people do I wanted you to read about a family that did not hesitate to give it all. THE END

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Florida



Calling for
Unit and District Color Bearers
To Participate in
Department Convention's
Opening Ceremony Processional

Attire: Navy or Black skirt or Slacks, White Blouse (no ruffles and no sleeveless) Natural Colored Hose and Navy or Black Shoes, white gloves

Rehearsal will be Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in Crystal G Ballroom. Please be sure to bring all the needed materials, flag, eagle, stand, and that everything is marked with your Unit/District number.

All Units and Districts participating will receive a special ribbon for their banner.

To participate, complete the bottom of this form and return to Department Headquarters by June 6, 2019.

Presidents, please be sure your color bearers know how to present colors

District/Unit # _____ Person Responsible for delivery and pick up _____

Contact Phone Number _____

From The Units



DISTRICT 2: UNIT 13



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UNIT 125: Valerie Schmidt, Unit 125 Gulfport, held a very successful pajama drive and the results were 57 pairs of pajamas on their way to the Bay Pines VA Hospital for OUR female veterans. Thank you for your service! Great job Valerie!



POST 254: A few district officers and their wonderful ladies. We are in our district color and post hopping. This was at North Port Post 254. A big Hello from us at work. It's hard work... but somebody has to do it.



DISTRICT 15: As A joint effort with the help from the Tampa Florida local community, and the entire 15th District American Legion Family plus other military organizations we have all been collecting plastic bottle caps.

ALL plastic caps; such as water bottles, soda bottles, detergent bottles, prescription bottles, go into this very worthy recycling project. All caps are melted down and made into benches. This particular bench in the photo, will be dedicated to the late William R. Gaines, Jr., who died at age 21, in the Beirut bombing. It's going to be placed in the William R. Gaines, Jr. Veterans Memorial Park in Port Charlotte, FL. The park was recently renamed after this hometown hero. This is a program backed by the Military Order of Purple Heart Auxiliary (MOPHA). Please note that there will be a dedication ceremony at a future date, of which is still undetermined. As soon as we are notified it will be shared .

DISTRICT 15: Once again 15th District came together for another wonderful social event for female Veterans. Lunch, gifts, bingo with prizes, valentines candy goodie bags and some TLC. This event was hosted at West Tampa American Legion Post 248 Tampa Florida on Wednesday February 13, 2019, Thank you goes out to Units 5, 111, 148 and 248 and Leann Moore for their time. Thanks goes out to all who donated: Unit 26 for the bags with personal care items, Unit 5 for the pieces of jewelry, Edie Sparks for breakfast items, Unit 248 for lunch and other items. A shout out to Sandy Sanchez for the bike we gave away as a prize.



From The Units



POST 254: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 273 ladies
L to R Carol Williams, Janice Hill, Nancy Newman, Zoe
Roseman



POST 254: Scott Hood 16th District
Chaplain



POST 254: Robert Vick Past
Department Chaplain



POST 254: Hoojung Jones-
Kennedy Canadian Program
Coordinator



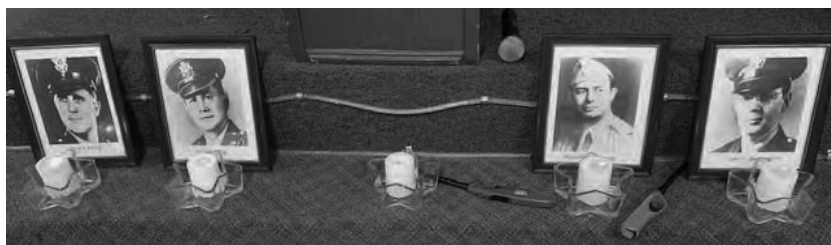
POST 254: The full contingent of officers assisting with the
Four Chaplains ceremony



POST 254: Gulfport Mayor Sam Henderson



POST 254: Visitors from Canadian Legions with Janice Hill



POST 254: Candles lit for the four Chaplains. 5th candle for the 673 souls lost on the sinking of the Dorchester



POST 254: District 16 President Liz Close with Herbert Keils Post 125 Riders and Sons



Unit 217: Quincy serving their annual "Love Breakfast" February 9th.



From The Units



Unit 273 Visits Unit 125 Mystery Theatre: Dixon, Mark and Amanda hosts of the Mystery Theater



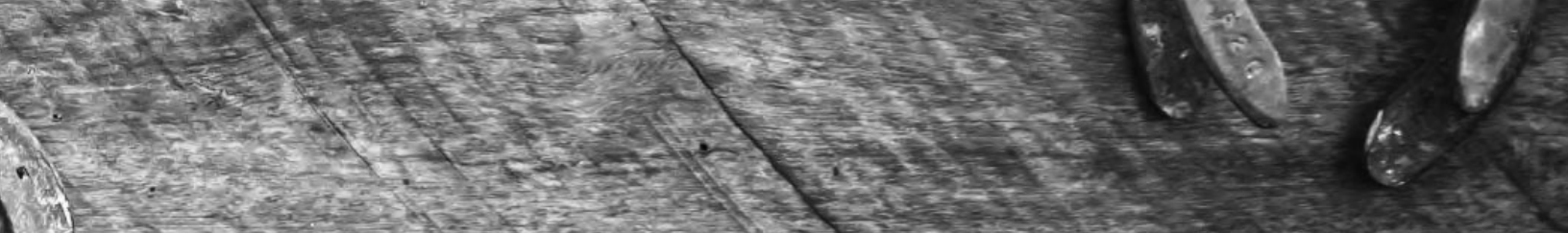
Unit 273 Visits Unit 125 Mystery Theatre: : Dixon, Mark and Amanda hosts of the Mystery Theater



Unit 273 Visits Unit 125 Mystery Theatre: Suspect April Showers 8 year old little girl



Unit 273 Visits Unit 125 Mystery Theatre: : L to R: Linda ALA 125, Anna Reynolds, Nancy Newman and Janice Hill



Unit 273 Visits Unit 125 Mystery Theatre: : The murder suspects gather for a photo. In front Dixon and Amanda.



Unit 273 Visits Unit 125 Mystery Theatre:



Unit 273 Visits Unit 125 Mystery Theatre: : L to R: Mikayla Fudge, Mom Susan Cooney, Maya Cooney, So-phie Briant ladies from Admiral Faragut served the dinner



Unit 273 Visits Unit 125 Mystery Theatre: : American Legion Unit 273 Sassy Flappers L to R Nancy Newman, Carol Williams, Anna Reynolds and Janice Hill



Unit 273 Visits Unit 125 Mystery Theatre: : Named the murder suspect

From The Units



Unit 273: General Meeting February 4, 2019.
L to R: Chaplain Jan Hendrick, President
Katherine Gabehart, Secretary Karen Braughton
and Treasurer Cherly Yoder

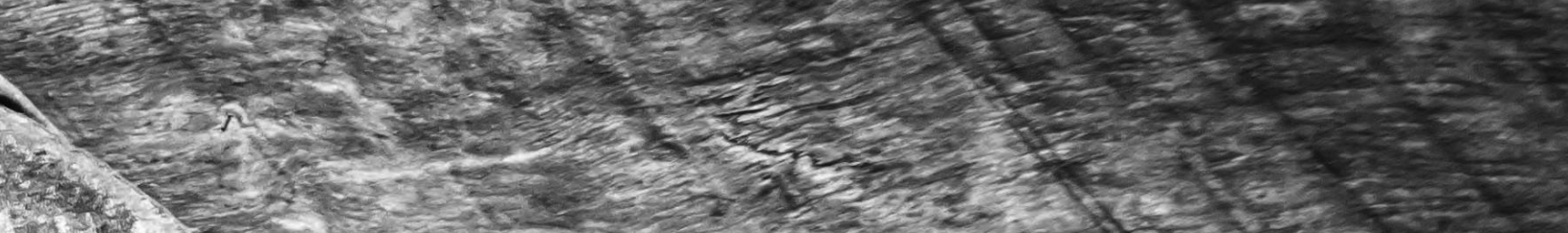


Unit 273: General Meeting February 4, 2019.
Members came streaming in until it was a full
house with standing room only. So excellent 273 is
getting it done for the veterans!



Unit 291: During the annual Fiddler Crab Festival American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291 worked
at raising money to help with our Veteran Projects. The first picture is Marian Barsumian who
won 328.00 in our 50/50 and Vickie Reddish who won the Pampered Chef Basket donated by
Auxiliary member Debra Butler. Our Auxiliary raised 717.00 towards our goal.





Unit 347: Fashion show to welcome Department President Michele DeGennaro for her official visit. Several of our unit members modeled clothes from Kohl's we also had two junior members and a few Legion members help us out. All the proceeds will go to Michele's special project Final Salute. The event included lunch, 50/50 and several door prizes. The show finished with a presentation of a few gifts and a check to President Michele from the unit.

Department President Shirts on sale for \$20.00
Order online at www.alaflstore.org

Membership Reports

FEBRUARY 22, 2019

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	131	0	120	120	91.60%
0078	Milton	21	0	11	11	52.38%
0193	Pensacola	100	18	63	81	81.00%
0221	Niceville	71	1	61	62	87.32%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	176	6	163	169	96.02%
0240	Pensacola	230	0	174	174	75.65%
0296	Destin	35	0	35	35	100.00%
0340	Pensacola	303	8	249	257	84.82%
0356	Lynn Haven	192	2	197	199	103.65%
0375	Southport	70	0	76	76	108.57%
0378	Gulf Breeze	23	0	19	19	82.61%
0382	Navarre	119	1	106	107	89.92%
0392	Panama City	161	1	166	167	103.73%
0402	Panama City Beach	41	1	39	40	97.56%
TOTALS		1673	38	1479	1517	90.68%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	22	0	22	22	100.00%
0057	Lake City	230	1	193	194	84.35%
0107	Live Oak	48	2	27	29	60.42%
0131	Greenville	30	3	25	28	93.33%
0215	Jasper	39	3	23	26	66.67%
0224	Madison	34	0	29	29	85.29%
0291	Steinhatchee	150	2	161	163	108.67%
0383	Old Town	152	0	122	122	80.26%
TOTALS		705	11	602	613	86.95%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	97	5	69	74	76.29%
0082	Lanark	92	2	92	94	102.17%
0084	Havana	33	10	12	22	66.67%
0100	Marianna	49	2	46	48	97.96%
0217	Quincy	55	6	31	37	67.27%
0241	Sneads	56	24	32	56	100.00%
TOTALS		382	49	282	331	86.65%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	60	0	28	28	46.67%
0027	Ocala	33	2	15	17	51.52%
0058	Dunnellon	44	2	35	37	84.09%
0077	Inverness	46	0	36	36	78.26%
0149	Newberry	26	0	19	19	73.08%
0155	Crystal River	306	2	283	285	93.14%
0166	Homosassa Springs	40	2	41	43	107.50%
0230	Hawthorne	52	2	37	39	75.00%
0236	Bronson	54	0	46	46	85.19%
0237	Beverly Hills	146	0	121	121	82.88%
0284	Bellevue	76	1	60	61	80.26%
0314	Starke	12	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		895	11	721	732	81.79%

DISTRICT 5

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	29	3	28	31	106.90%
0037	Saint Augustine	83	4	31	35	42.17%
0054	Fernandina Beach	174	2	111	113	64.94%
0088	Jacksonville	89	2	70	72	80.90%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	338	10	288	298	88.17%
0137	Jacksonville	504	16	407	423	83.93%
0194	St Augustine	66	9	46	55	83.33%
0197	Jacksonville	73	18	37	55	75.34%
0202	Keystone Heights	50	2	49	51	102.00%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	217	35	80	115	53.00%
0244	Jacksonville	24	4	17	21	87.50%
0250	Middleburg	347	33	278	311	89.63%
0283	Jacksonville	431	25	358	383	88.86%
0316	Atlantic Beach	323	49	202	251	77.71%
0372	Mandarin	15	3	20	23	153.33%
0373	Orange Park	42	7	31	38	90.48%
0401	Hilliard	28	1	26	27	96.43%
TOTALS		2833	223	2079	2302	81.26%

DISTRICT 6

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	213	3	163	166	77.93%
0019	Orlando	120	4	113	117	97.50%
0021	Umatilla	11	0	9	9	81.82%
0035	Mount Dora	90	2	90	92	102.22%
0041	Eustis	16	0	13	13	81.25%
0052	Lake Panasoffkee	26	5	13	18	69.23%
0053	Sanford	81	3	40	43	53.09%
0055	Clermont	76	0	72	72	94.74%
0063	Winter Garden	28	0	27	27	96.43%
0080	Saint Cloud	277	24	211	235	84.84%
0101	Bushnell	106	1	89	90	84.91%
0109	Ocoee	16	4	7	11	68.75%
0112	Winter Park	23	1	15	16	69.57%
0183	Fern Park	160	6	98	104	65.00%
0219	Fruitland Park	196	3	160	163	83.16%
0242	Orlando	134	13	80	93	69.40%
0286	Orlando	211	10	147	157	74.41%
0330	Leesburg	74	2	57	59	79.73%
0331	Orlando	37	9	31	40	108.11%
0347	Lady Lake	1961	11	1953	1964	100.15%
0357	Clermont	19	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		3875	101	3388	3489	90.04%

DISTRICT 7

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	83	1	58	59	71.08%
0004	Lakeland	73	1	55	56	76.71%
0008	Winter Haven	618	5	509	514	83.17%
0034	Haines City	68	0	50	50	73.53%
0071	Lake Wales	97	0	44	44	45.36%
0072	Mulberry	161	10	126	136	84.47%
0201	Florence Villa	37	4	29	33	89.19%
TOTALS		1137	21	871	892	78.45%

DISTRICT 8

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	97	10	20	30	30.93%
0024	Bradenton	337	14	233	247	73.29%
0025	Lake Placid	342	0	322	322	94.15%
0030	Sarasota	92	9	52	61	66.30%
0069	Avon Park	552	6	506	512	92.75%
0074	Sebring	94	0	53	53	56.38%
0113	Rotonda West	360	3	249	252	70.00%
0159	Venice	640	11	617	628	98.13%
0254	North Port	96	0	99	99	103.13%
0266	Fruitville	132	3	83	86	65.15%
0309	Palmetto	184	1	169	170	92.39%
0312	Oneco	254	5	209	214	84.25%
0325	Ellenton	137	0	141	141	102.92%
TOTALS		3317	62	2753	2815	84.87%

DISTRICT 9

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	35	0	25	25	71.43%
0092	Hollywood	127	1	92	93	73.23%
0142	Pompano Beach	258	6	167	173	67.05%
0157	Margate	262	16	199	215	82.06%
0162	Deerfield Beach	213	25	149	174	81.69%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	107	8	85	93	86.92%
0209	Dania Beach	17	0	21	21	123.53%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	28	12	16	28	100.00%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	66	0	40	40	60.61%
0287	Deerfield Beach	15	0	13	13	86.67%
0304	Dania	122	2	62	64	52.46%
0310	Hallandale	38	0	34	34	89.47%
0321	Cooper City	134	24	95	119	88.81%
0365	Sunrise	19	0	16	16	84.21%
TOTALS		1441	94	1014	1108	76.89%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	318	17	269	286	89.94%
0022	Cocoa	100	3	78	81	81.00%
0039	Vero Beach	169	5	149	154	91.12%
0040	Fort Pierce	165	3	134	137	83.03%
0081	Melbourne	110	0	90	90	81.82%
0117	Palm Bay	474	14	373	387	81.65%
0126	Jensen Beach	234	3	201	204	87.18%
0163	Melbourne	284	8	217	225	79.23%
0171	Fort Pierce	11	0	11	11	100.00%
0189	Sebastian	113	0	99	99	87.61%
0191	Melbourne	110	16	43	59	53.64%
0200	Satellite Beach	138	0	129	129	93.48%
0318	Port St Lucie	723	3	702	705	97.51%
0348	Cape Canaveral	156	0	139	139	89.10%
0358	White City	45	0	51	51	113.33%
0359	Port St John	272	8	225	233	85.66%
0366	Barefoot Bay	74	24	41	65	87.84%
0394	Palm Bay	133	6	127	133	100.00%
0410	Viera	15	0	2	2	13.33%
TOTALS		3644	110	3080	3190	87.54%

DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	61	2	40	42	68.85%
0047	Lake Worth	109	6	93	99	90.83%
0062	Stuart	320	2	310	312	97.50%
0064	Okeechobee	124	0	70	70	56.45%
0065	Delray Beach	47	3	39	42	89.36%
0141	West Palm Beach	93	2	73	75	80.65%
0164	Boynton Beach	143	6	105	111	77.62%
0188	Delray	13	0	6	6	46.15%
0199	W Palm Beach	52	1	30	31	59.62%
0268	Riviera Beach	70	9	31	40	57.14%
0271	Tequesta	189	7	138	145	76.72%
0277	Boca Raton	91	0	80	80	87.91%
0288	Boynton Beach	47	4	5	9	19.15%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	44	10	24	34	77.27%
TOTALS		1403	52	1044	1096	78.12%

DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	54	0	49	49	90.74%
0090	Cape Coral	216	3	196	199	92.13%
0103	Punta Gorda	401	5	362	367	91.52%
0110	Port Charlotte	571	10	485	495	86.69%
0123	Sanibel	84	2	57	59	70.24%
0130	Labelle	134	0	125	125	93.28%
0135	Naples	264	0	254	254	96.21%
0136	Saint James City	452	1	420	421	93.14%
0192	Fort Myers	22	3	14	17	77.27%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	627	3	495	498	79.43%
0299	Moore Haven	16	0	11	11	68.75%
0303	Bonita Springs	409	12	328	340	83.13%
0323	Lehigh Acres	450	32	344	376	83.56%
0336	N Ft Myers	339	4	295	299	88.20%
0351	Fort Myers	80	0	47	47	58.75%
TOTALS		4119	75	3482	3557	86.36%

DISTRICT 14

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	80	0	49	49	61.25%
0031	South Miami	174	3	151	154	88.51%
0043	Homestead	59	0	42	42	71.19%
0067	North Miami	61	1	48	49	80.33%
0098	Coral Gables	16	0	11	11	68.75%
0133	Miami	70	6	55	61	87.14%
0154	Marathon	196	1	147	148	75.51%
0168	Key West	25	0	25	25	100.00%
0333	Key Largo	76	0	66	66	86.84%
0346	Miami	11	1	19	20	181.82%
0374	Key Biscayne	52	0	43	43	82.69%
TOTALS		820	12	656	668	81.46%

DISTRICT 16

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	353	0	244	244	69.12%
0014	St Petersburg	130	4	89	93	71.54%
0079	New Port Richey	438	31	289	320	73.06%
0104	Pinellas Park	214	18	221	239	111.68%
0119	Largo	396	10	340	350	88.38%
0125	St Petersburg	372	8	292	300	80.65%
0158	Treasure Island	266	0	233	233	87.59%
0173	Holiday	264	8	220	228	86.36%
0238	Safety Harbor	288	13	245	258	89.58%
0252	Seminole	945	10	786	796	84.23%
0273	Madeira Beach	2987	4	2322	2326	77.87%
0275	Dunedin	657	12	638	650	98.93%
0305	St Pete Beach	89	0	103	103	115.73%
0335	Hudson	224	6	113	119	53.13%
TOTALS		7623	124	6135	6259	82.11%

DISTRICT 15

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	39	1	35	36	92.31%
0026	Plant City	35	2	16	18	51.43%
0111	Tampa	44	1	42	43	97.73%
0138	Tampa	411	10	273	283	68.86%
0139	Tampa	118	0	77	77	65.25%
0147	Odessa	28	0	31	31	110.71%
0148	Riverview	151	6	126	132	87.42%
0152	Tampa	292	8	220	228	78.08%
0167	Tampa	16	3	20	23	143.75%
0186	Brooksville	360	1	260	261	72.50%
0246	Sun City Center	38	0	17	17	44.74%
0248	West Tampa	26	2	13	15	57.69%
0334	Tampa	32	1	25	26	81.25%
0389	Ruskin	24	3	11	14	58.33%
TOTALS		1614	38	1166	1204	74.60%

DISTRICT 17

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	122	1	113	114	93.44%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	195	2	188	190	97.44%
0045	Palatka	45	2	35	37	82.22%
0115	Palm Coast	39	0	31	31	79.49%
0120	Holly Hill	221	7	189	196	88.69%
0127	Lake Helen	26	6	14	20	76.92%
0204	Daytona Beach	23	10	13	23	100.00%
0255	Deltona	22	4	16	20	90.91%
0259	DeBary	30	4	16	20	66.67%
0267	Ormond Beach	166	4	142	146	87.95%
0270	Port Orange	160	0	125	125	78.13%
0285	Edgewater	140	4	115	119	85.00%
0293	Interlachen	44	2	23	25	56.82%
0361	S Daytona	163	11	135	146	89.57%
TOTALS		1396	57	1155	1212	86.82%



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